

(c) Remarks

The claims are 24-32 with claim 24 the sole independent claim. Former claims 1-23 are cancelled without prejudice in disclaimer. Claim 24 generally corresponds to former claims 13, 15 and 16 and page 11, lines 6-19. Claim 25 corresponds to former claim 14 and claims 26-32 generally correspond to former claims 1-7, respectively. Consideration of the claims is requested.

Former claims 1-8 were rejected as obvious over Roietman '097 in view of Ito '750. Former claims 9-23 were rejected as obvious over Roietman and Ito as above and further in view of JP '362.

The present claims define the invention in terms which avoid any potential conflicts with the compounds taught in the cited references. In particular, on page 4 of JP '362 compounds A25 - A27 and A32 are distinguished in structure.

Therefore, the claims should be allowed and the case passed to issue.

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